

'General Discussion of Protective Legislation,' under which is given: 'History of Protective Legislation'; 'Definitions of Game Birds'; 'Species erroneously considered Game Birds,' as Pigeons and Doves, Flickers, Bobolinks or Reedbirds, Meadowlarks, Blackbirds, and Robins; 'Insectivorous and Song Birds,' as defined in various legislative acts, etc.; 'Plume Birds,' and 'Birds of Prey,' to what extent protected in various States, etc. Then follows a 'List of species protected in each State and in the Canadian Provinces, with penalties for killing the birds and destroying nests and eggs.' Also an enumeration of the birds "specifically exempted from protection" in the different States and Canadian Provinces. Dr. Palmer considers, very properly, that "the rights of ornithologists and bird students should be recognized as well as those of sportsmen," and gives, in tabular form, the requirements of the various States regarding regulations and permits for collecting birds, nests, and eggs for scientific purposes. There is also comment on licenses and other regulations regarding shooting, which relate more especially to game birds, but have a bearing on bird protection in general; on 'Birds in Captivity,' and the prohibition of trapping, netting and shooting. Part I concludes with some account of the different methods and provisions for the 'Enforcement of Protective Laws,' and of the 'Necessity for further State Legislation,' with a review of recent 'Federal Legislation,' as the Hoar Bill, the Teller Bill, and the Lacey Bill. Each of these bills is given in full, with explanatory comment, giving the legislative history of each and stating its scope. Only one of these bills, the Lacey Bill, has become a law.

Part II, 'State Laws for the Protection of Birds,' gives a digest of all State legislation for the protection of birds, as far as this is at present in force. As Dr. Palmer's subject relates only to non-game birds, only those portions of the laws "relating to birds generally, as distinguished from game birds, have been quoted verbatim." Part III relates in a similar manner to 'Canadian Laws for the Protection of Birds.'

Dr. Palmer has here given us in a brief form the results of a vast amount of careful and laborious research and has laid an excellent foundation for future intelligent work, in the line of improved legislation in the interest of bird protection; and we trust that his admirable paper will not only prove a guide, but an incentive, to this end. — J. A. A.

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